

2004 Commercial Fisheries Harvest

Overall, the ex-vessel value of commercial harvest in the Gulf of Mexico in 2004 was \$519 million, with more than half of the revenue generated in Louisiana. Damages to fleet and marine infrastructure varied across the Gulf, depending, of course, on proximity to each hurricane's path. Relatively speaking, West Florida is anticipated to have the lowest damages while Louisiana is anticipated to have the highest damages, followed by Mississippi and then Alabama. All states will experience some losses in commercial harvest revenue in September and October, with extended losses likely in more heavily impacted areas. In 2004, September and October represented 18% of harvest revenue for West Florida, 20% of harvest revenue for Mississippi fishermen and 23% of harvest revenue for Alabama and Louisiana fishermen. Impacts, however, will vary by fishery. For example, preliminary reports from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources suggest that the vast majority of Mississippi oyster reefs have been lost, with complete recovery estimated to take several years.

	Alabama	Louisiana	Mississippi	W. Florida	Totals
Oyster	2,120,392	34,775,087	6,073,242	2,877,957	45,846,678
Shrimp	29,192,482	139,157,576	26,524,987	32,927,976	227,803,021
Finfish & Other Shellfish	5,722,923	118,775,448	11,192,325	110,055,421	245,746,117
Annual Total	37,035,797	292,708,111	43,790,554	145,861,354	519,395,816

Table 1. 2004 Commercial Fishing Revenue¹

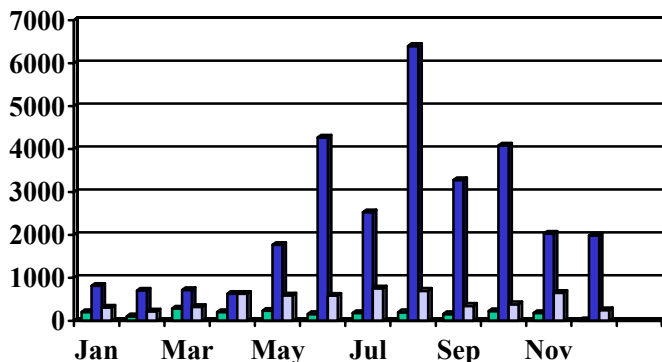


Figure 1. Alabama 2004 Commercial Landing Revenue (\$1,000s)

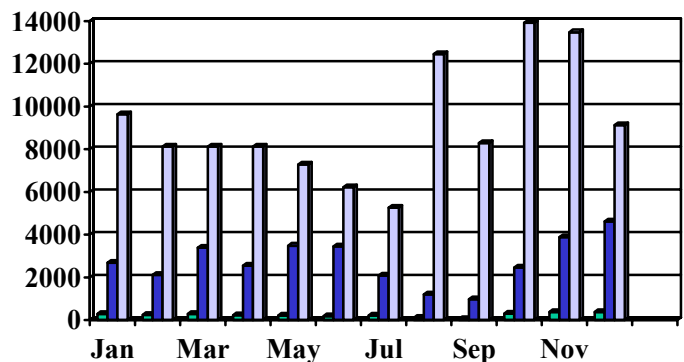


Figure 2. W. Florida 2004 Commercial Landing Revenue (\$1,000s)

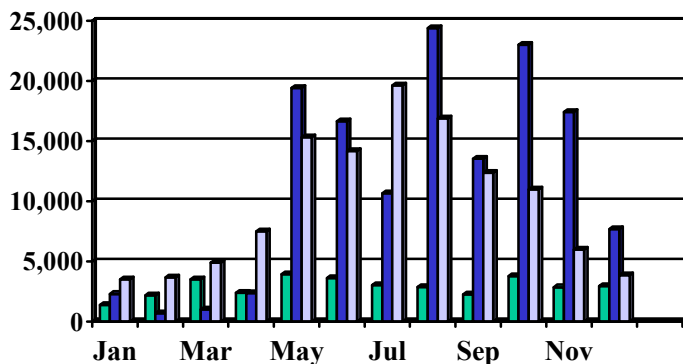


Figure 3. Louisiana 2004 Commercial Landing Revenue (\$1,000s)

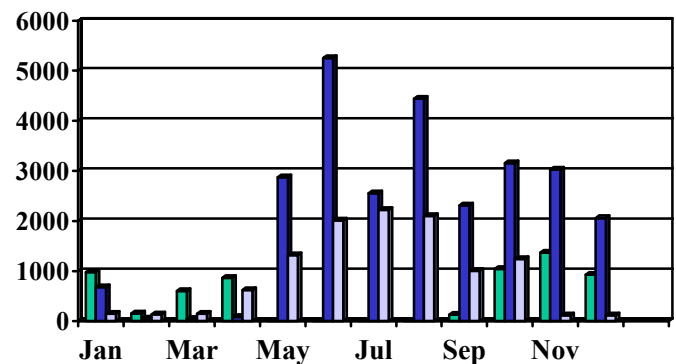


Figure 4. Mississippi 2004 Commercial Landing Revenue (\$1,000s)

¹ Source: Fisheries of the U.S. 2004, preliminary data.